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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. The following observations were made at Kreuzbruch firing range between 19 June and 16 September 1953:

19 to 22 June. No activity was observed.

23 to 18 July. Air-to-ground firing by MiG-15 and U-MiG-15s was practiced every day between about 7 a.m. and about 6 p.m. The aircraft approached in elements of twos from the east and returned in the same direction after the exercise. They circled once over the field flying a left bank at the same time increasing the distance between the two aircraft. Subsequently they individually approached the field at a comparatively steep angle, firing shots with a cannon and or with machine guns. The radio truck which formerly had been observed at the field during air-to-ground firing had disappeared.

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13 to 18 July. the outline of an aircraft was cut in the grass cover and that the outlines were chalked. the red flags on the two observation towers indicated firing activity at the range.

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24 and 25 July. Firing with aircraft weapons was heard throughout the day, but the flag had not been hoisted.

30 July. Air-to-ground firing was practiced between 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. First half of August. There was continual air-to-ground firing by MiG-15 and U-MiG-15s which, however, did not approach at so steep an angle as previously related. A white disk, about 2 meters square, was located in the center of the field. A radio truck and truck with driver wearing black-bordered blue epaulets were observed at the range.

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17 August. Parachutists jumped from two twin-engine aircraft. After landing, they fixed up their parachutes and carried them to a truck.

17 August. At 7:15 a.m. as on the preceding day, two trucks and a vehicle with an antenna were parked at the field. Nearby were two Soviets, one of whom had an air balloon, about 1 meter in diameter, in his hand.

16 September. Two MiG-15 and U-MiG-15s practiced firing at ground targets.

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Comments. The Kreuzbruch air force training field, located near Oranienburg, is probably used by aircraft of the fighter division from Finow. Truck was previously observed in Finow and Neuruppin.

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